

APPROVED: Meeting No. 41-88

ATTEST: *Margaret R. Gearin*

MAYOR AND COUNCIL
ROCKVILLE, MD
Meeting No. 30-88

July 11, 1988

The Mayor and Council of Rockville, Maryland convened in General Session in the Council Chamber, Rockville City Hall, Maryland Avenue at Vinson Street, Rockville, MD on Monday, July 11, 1988 at 7:30 p.m.

PRESENT

Mayor Douglas M. Duncan

Councilman Stephen N. Abrams
(Arrived at 7:50 p.m.)

Councilman James F. Coyle

Councilwoman Viola D. Hovsepian

Councilman David Robbins

The Mayor in the Chair.

In attendance: Acting City Manager Rick W. Kuckkahn, City Attorney Paul T. Glasgow, and City Clerk Margaret R. Gearin.

Re: City Manager's Report

Acting City Manager Rick Kuckkahan reported the following:

1. With the protracted dry spell, the City's water utility has been pumping at its maximum rate and providing roughly seven million gallons per day to Rockville residents. We continue to be able to meet demand and do not anticipate any need to request or require reduced consumption.

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2. This month's "Summer in the Square" dates are Tuesday, July 12, at 7:30 p.m., featuring the Commodores, U.S. Navy Band; and July 26, featuring Bob Devlin, a one-man band at 7:30 p.m. All of these are taking place at the Courthouse Square Park.

3. At the July 25 Council Meeting, undergraduate and graduate interns from Public Technologies, Inc. will be attending our meeting in an effort to learn more about local government. Rockville is one of seven jurisdictions selected for this series of sessions and will be hosting the students with a reception prior to the meeting.

4. We have a memo regarding update on the Lincoln Park/David Scull services. Staff will prepare more detailed information for the Mayor and Council next week concerning the drug enforcement efforts.

5. Joe Cutro has provided us with updates on Falls Road.

6. While I was out of town this weekend, I understand one of our police officers in response to a call had a collision with another automobile. An investigation is underway.

Re: Recognition

The Mayor and Council presented awards to the winners of the Rockville Senior Golf Tournament. The tournament was held at Redgate Golf Course and was open to any golfer age 60 and up. The winners were:

1. In the 9-Hold Callaway Tournament

1st	Ed Taylor
2nd	Chico Gonzalez
3rd	Kenneth Michaelian
4th	Helen Michaelian

2. In the 18-Hole Handicap Tournament

1st	Hugh Virts
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2nd Rex Kalins
3rd Keith Poor
4th Eugene Carpenter

3. Rockville residents won both the Director's Cup and the Open Trophy.

The Director's Cup was awarded to Hugh Virts.
The Open Trophy was awarded to Bette Bouman.

Re: Appointments

The Mayor made the following appointments with the concurrence of the Council:

Science and Technology Commission Dr. John Evans, reappointed, 3 yr. term

Recreation and Advisory Board Mr. F. Terry Baker, reappointed, 2 yr. term

Day Care Task Force Eleanor R. Northway, Chairperson
Jane F. Ippolito
Claudia B. Segal
W. Thomas Curtis
Georgia E. Gardner
Kathleen A. Gohan
Susan M. Hedges
Pamela A. Barkley
Herman G. Hartman
Judith E. Simonson
Tom Rhoads
Linda Rhoads
Katharine Keys Reardon
Andrew Johnson
Roslyn I. Klein
Jacqueline J. Smith

The Mayor announced that appointments will be made on 7/25/88 to the Rockville Goals Task Force.

Re: Correspondence

1. Councilmember Viola D. Hovsepian noted the letter from The Riggs National Bank, calling for a special mandatory redemption of bonds and asked for an explanation of the procedure which applies when only a portion of the principal amount of a bond is to be redeemed. The City Manager promised to provide the Council with a memorandum from the Finance Department.

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2. Councilmember James F. Coyle referred to the letter from William M. Wilder, Director of the Department of School Facilities for the Montgomery Public Schools concerning the left turn signal at Wooton High School. The County reported that traffic counts are now sufficient to warrant construction of this project and requested that if the City's CIP Project No. 9D11 scheduled for 1991 is made available earlier, it can be combined with funds from the County's Public Facilities Road Project No. 733710 and the project can be expedited.

The Council agreed and Mayor Duncan directed the staff to send a 'Thank you' letter to the County for their support with this project.

3. Councilmember Hovsepian praised Montgomery County for assigning the Montgomery County Public Schools Substance Abuse Prevention Parent Coordinator, Mrs. Rita Rumbaugh, to participate in training members of the Rockville community in prevention techniques to decrease drug trafficking and drug abuse.

Mayor Duncan said he would send a letter of thanks to Dr. Pitt.

Re: Citizens Forum

The Mayor opened the meeting to those citizens who wished to address the Mayor and Council.

1. Joseph Zetts, of 121 Ritchie Parkway, asked the Council to do more for tourism in Rockville, noting that a Piedmont Airlines brochure, Guide to Conventions and Best Places to Stay in Maryland, did not mention historic Rockville which is the second largest city in Maryland.

2. Carole Cohen presented a petition with 20 signatures collected by a group called Concern Over Rockville's Excellence_(C.O.R.E.) in support of an extension of East Jefferson St. and asked the members of the Council who did not support the extension to reconsider their position.

Councilmember Coyle responded that he had listened for two years to Mayor Duncan's and Councilmember Abrams's arguments in favor of the extension but that he is not convinced that the extension will do anything but add more traffic.

Mayor Duncan announced that the staff is rewriting the Pike Plan and there will be a public hearing on the issue.

3. Joseph Zetts, of 121 Ritchie Parkway, spoke regarding the Fleet Street extension to Ritchie Parkway, noting that it would cost \$300,000 or more and asked how the City could prevent the noise and pollution that would result from this new road.

4. Richard Arkin, Chairman of the Rockville Planning Commission, distributed the 1987 Planning Commission Annual Report and the Planning Commission's Rules of Procedure and announced that he had been elected to his second term as President of the Maryland City Planners Association (MCPA). He noted that Rockville had not participated in funding for the MCPA and asked if Rockville would sponsor a workshop and put it on Cablevision.

5. Dennis Cain, of 502 Carr Avenue, commented that in the many recent traffic jams on Rockville Pike in rush hours as well as the one tonight in which traffic lights were out, he has never seen a traffic officer at the scene and asked who controls traffic. The Mayor responded that the City relies on the County to monitor traffic on the Pike while City police patrol residential areas. Councilmember Coyle asked if the City had a policy on traffic jams within the City. Mayor Duncan referred the question to the City Manager and asked for a report on the rush hour traffic in both the morning and evening.

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6. James Vitol called attention to the fact that city water bills were subject to a 10% late charge with the provision that the late charge is not paid within fifteen days the water will be turned off.

Mayor Duncan asked the staff to look into this policy.

Re: Introduction of Ordinance: To grant
Text Amendment Application T-88-88,
City of Rockville Planning Commission,
Applicant

On motion of Councilmember Hovsepien, there was laid upon the table an ordinance authorizing the City of Rockville Planning Commission to filing Text Amendment Application T-88-88 to modify and clarify procedures for amending approved use permits and for dealing with use permit violations. Said ordinance to be laid over for at least one week before final action is taken.

Re: Authorization for sole source
procurement of Software Maintenance
from American Management Systems

The City's current software support for its financial systems, LGFS and LGPS, will expire July 31, 1988. Only American Management Systems, the company from whom the City purchased the software, provides such support. The support includes continued product warranty, problem resolution services and updated software releases, as well as technical bulletins and membership in the AMS User's Group. The cost to the City for this support in FY89 will be \$28,281.

The Mayor and Council authorized the sole source of procurement of Software Maintenance from American Management Systems.

Re: Emergency Management Memorandum of
Understanding

After discussion, the Mayor and Council authorized the City Manager to conclude a revised memorandum of understanding with Montgomery County for the

management of emergencies within the City of Rockville. Additionally, the Mayor and Council directed the staff to develop internal procedures for disasters within the City in a companion document which would address Councilmember Coyle's concerns that the role of the Mayor and Council is not adequately identified in the memorandum. Specifically, the companion document should include the following:

1. procedures to inform the Mayor and Council of a state of emergency;
2. guidelines for distribution of the post-emergency report to the Mayor and Council prior to general release.

Re: Discussion of Rockville Goals
Task Force

The Mayor and Council discussed the focus of the Rockville Goals Task Force, which will look at the goals and direction of the City over the next 10 or 20 years, and noted the necessity of having its members be representative of varied geographical areas in the City.

The Mayor extended the period for receiving Task Force applications and asked that applications be forwarded to him. He plans to make the appointments at the July 25th Council meeting.

Re: New Business

1. Councilmember Abrams pointed out that there is a possible conflict between the City's sign ordinance and temporary use permits which could lead to non-competitive circumstances between long standing businesses and temporary businesses.

Mayor Duncan asked the Department of Licenses and Inspections to reevaluate temporary use permits.

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2. Councilmember Coyle reported a safety concern expressed by the Glenora Hills Civic Association that their new lights are not effective. Transportation Engineer Joe Cutro will evaluate their request.

3. Mayor Duncan announced that the Montgomery County Special Olympics has suggested a joint Oktoberfest Fundraiser with the Rockville Sister City Corporation and if there were no objections from the Council, he would discuss the proposal with the City Manager.

4. Councilmember Abrams inquired if any complaints resulted from the Carnival and was assured it was a well behaved crowd this year.

5. In answer to a question by Mayor Duncan, the City Manager stated that staff would provide recommendations on the W. Montgomery Ave. Project which was the subject of a Public Hearing on June 6th, as well as the Lewis Avenue, Chapman Ave. and N. Washington Street projects at the next meeting on July 25th.

6. Councilmember Hovsepian asked for a report on the scheduling of a Public Hearing on the Rockville Pike Plan. A detailed memo will be provided by Larry Owens of the Planning Department.

7. The Mayor and Council thanked the staff for the enjoyable Fourth of July Celebration and Fireworks before an enthusiastic crowd on a beautiful summer evening at the Richard Montgomery High School Football Field.

Re: Executive Session

On the motion of Councilmember Abrams, duly seconded and unanimously passed, the meeting was closed at 9:00 p.m. for Executive Session to discuss personnel and for consultation with Legal Counsel.

Re: Adjournment

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There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council in Executive Session, the meeting was adjourned at 11:55 p.m. to convene again in General Session on July 18, 1988 in Public Hearing or at the call of the Mayor.